

**ABSTRACT**

- -The present invention relates to a dry reagent assay device having at least one test zone and at least one reference zone, which provides an internal mechanism for assuring correct and reliable assay procedures and reagent qualities. In one embodiment, the present invention relates to an assay device having at least one test zone for detecting at least one analyte in a sample by reacting the sample with a labeled indicator reagent, and a reference zone for receiving unreacted labeled indicator reagent.- -